

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA**

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BRAHMAPUTRA BOARD
PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR;RANEE NARAH

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Brahmaputra Board have prepared any master plan to control and flood and check soil erosion in Assam;
- (b) if so, the areas identified therefor; and
- (c) remedial measures likely to be taken in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) Yes Sir.

(b) Brahmaputra Board has prepared Master Plans for Brahmaputra Main stem and its tributaries, Barak and its tributaries to control floods and soil erosion in Assam. The areas identified for severe erosion are Mathala, Oakland, Mohanaghat, Disangmukh, Neamatighat, Moriahola, South Salmara, Gumi, Palashbari, Goalpara, Fakirganj, Alikash on the Southern bank and Majuli, Viswanath, Silguri, Soalkuchi, Hatimora, Mukalmua and Bahari on the Northern bank.

(c) The remedial measures as suggested in the Master Plans are construction of embankment, raising and strengthening of existing embankments, anti-erosion measures, formulating of Drainage Development Schemes, Watershed Management, Construction of multipurpose reservoir projects, Flood Plain Zoning and Upgradation of Flood Forecasting Network.

The Master Plans have been sent to the concerned State Governments for implementation. The State Governments are implementing short term flood control, anti erosion and drainage development measures from State Plan funds and Central Assistance.

The Brahmaputra Board, National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) and North Eastern Electric Power corporation (NEEPCO) have taken up some multipurpose reservoir projects in the North Eastern region as long term measures.